

**Special Meeting  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
March 9, 2005**

Chairman Jerry Uebelhor called the Special Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 4:30 p.m. Secretary Lloyd Martin took roll call as follows:

Chairman Jerry Uebelhor	-Present	Randy Mehringer	-Absent
Vice Chairman Jim Blessinger	-Present	Bob Wright	-Present
Secretary Lloyd Martin	-Present	Bldg. Comm. Dave Seger	-Present
Ray Byrd	-Present	Atty Sandy Hemmerlein	-Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Uebelhor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT**

Chairman Uebelhor read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight's meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight's meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening's record."

**NEW BUSINESS**

Petition of the Jasper Management LLC (Todd D. Kerstiens as President and Bart L. Kerstiens as Secretary) as owner of the subject property for a variance to allow a restaurant in a residential zone.

Surveyor Ken Brosmer was present on behalf of Butch Rohlman, Chris Dowdy, and Todd and Bart Kerstiens, to request a variance to operate a restaurant, Snap's Steakhouse, at 1115 Main Street.

Bart Kerstiens, Butch Rohlman and Chris Dowdy, were also present. Mr. Kerstiens introduced Mr. Rohlman and Mr. Dowdy as the potential managers of the new restaurant.

Mr. Kerstiens explained to the Board that the proposed property has been used for a restaurant for more than 100 years. Six months has elapsed since the last owner, therefore, according to the City's ordinance, any new owner must request a variance to reopen a restaurant on that site.

The name of the restaurant would be in honor of the history of the building, which was operated as Snap's Café for approximately sixty years. Secretary Martin said since the building has always housed some type of restaurant, it seems fitting to continue the tradition.

Marla Englert, of 1102 Jackson Street, stated that, although she is not against the idea of opening the restaurant, she did have a concern about the bar aspect of it.

Vice Chairman Blessinger said new restaurant hours were established in 1998, when the restaurant became Queen City Café, because of similar concerns such as Ms. Englert's.

Mr. Rohlman said he is not looking for a rowdy and boisterous crowd. He expects that only 18 percent of the restaurant's revenue will come from alcohol sales.

Vice Chairman Blessinger made a motion to close the public hearing. Ray Byrd seconded it. Motion carried. 5-0.

Secretary Martin made a motion to grant a variance to allow a restaurant, Snap's Steakhouse, at 1115 Main Street, with hours of operation not to exceed the following: Sunday-Thursday 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 5:00 a.m.-midnight. Also, the present sign ordinance limitation applies – four square feet. Bob Wright seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

With no further discussion, Bob Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Byrd seconded it. Motion carried 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman

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Lloyd Martin, Secretary

Kathy M. Pfister, Recording Secretary